THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE). : (a) Yes, Sir.

(bj 74 Engineers in different executive grades and 77 Assistant Engineers/Junior Engineers/Section Officers are on deputa.ion . from J State at Salal Project.

(c) Deputationists at Salal Project will be repatriated gradually ;o- their respective parent Departments keeping in view the actual requirements from time to time.

**Power Project in Rajastian**

SHRl BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI- Will $tj_e$ Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up Power project $i_n$ Joint Sector and/or in private sector in Rajasthan; ano

(b) if so, the details of such proposals and what $i_s$ the latest policy of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY {SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) A proposal for setting up of a Thermal Power Plant at Dholpur, in the joint sector, was received by the Central Electricity Authority from the Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The feasibility report for this project, which envisages installation of two $unit_s$ of 210 MW in Stage-I, is under techno-economically eamined $i_n$ ihe Central Electricity Authority.

The policy regarding power generation is regulated bv the Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956, which contemplates that the develonment of generation and distribution of electricity is the exclusive responsibility of the State. The Resolution doe's not, however, preclude the expansion of the existing privately-owned units or the possibility of the S.ate securing the cooperation of private enterprise in the establishment of new units, when the national interests !so require.

**Availability of oil and gas in West Rajasthan**

55. SHRi BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) what are .he ' dings in West Rajasthan about the availability oi' oil and gas there; and

(b) what is the estima;ed expenditure on the work of exploration during the year 1986-87 in Wes. Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SlNGH) : (a) The last hydrocarbon Siseovery in West Rajasthan was in Ghotaru in 1983, when gas was discovered in one well.

(b) About Rs. 19 crores.

**Additional posts created in High Courts**

56. SHRl BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH .

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant on the benchas of various High Courts in the country at present;

(b) the number of additional posts created in various High Courts for the year 1986-87; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRl H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and Ib) Information about the vacant posts and the new posts agreed to be created in principle is given in the attached statement.

(c) The matter of filling up the posts of Judges in the High Courts is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the concerned Constitutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate the time by which they will be filled tip.

**Statement**

| Sr. No. | High Court | Number of posts vacant (as on 1-4-66) | Number of new posts of Judges/Additional Judges agreed to be created (as on 1-4-86) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Allahabad | 13 | 2 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 8 | 10 |
| 3 | Bombay | 3 | 17 |
| 4 | Calcutta | 3 | 9 |
| 5 | Delhi | 6 | 2 |
| 6 | Gauhati | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 4 | 9 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | .. | 1 |
| 9 | Jammu and Kashmir | 1 | 4 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 3 | 6 |
| 11 | Kerala | .. | 3 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 5 | 2 |
| 13 | Madras | 5 | .. |
| 14 | Orissa | 3 | .. |
| 15 | Patna | 3 | 4 |
| 16 | Punjab and Haryana | 7 | 3 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | .. | 5 |
| 18 | Sikkim | 1 | .. |
| | TOTAL : | 67 | 80 |